

HB 667 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE PRACTICES

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This bill establishes the Joint Committee On Police Practices consisting of seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and the Minority Floor Leader of that chamber and seven members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem and the Minority Floor Leader of that chamber. Any political party cannot be represented by more than four members from the House of Representatives or more than four members from the Senate. The duties of the committee are specified in the bill including determining resources law enforcement need to effectively serve and protect when citizens are exercising their constitutionally protected rights; determining the best tools and practices that will help peace officers maintain public safety while safeguarding citizens who are exercising their constitutionally protected rights; investigating the disparity directed at minorities, including racial profiling; and annually compiling a full report of its activities to the General Assembly by January 30.

The provisions of the bill will expire January 30, 2020.